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Attorney Docket No.	4210.001
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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number __08__ / __905,701__, filed on ____8/4/97____, entitled _____METHOD OF SEQUENCING COMPUTER CONTROLLED TASKS BASED ON THE RELATIVE SPATIAL LOCATION OF TASK OBJECTS IN A DIRECTIONAL FIELD_____.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: *The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR § 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued or a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.*

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: *A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(b).*

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: *The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR § 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.*

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: *The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.*

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: *In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR § 1.78(a).*

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1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(4).
   a. ☐ *DELETE* the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

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   b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:　10/18/2000 CHGUYEN 00000041 08905701
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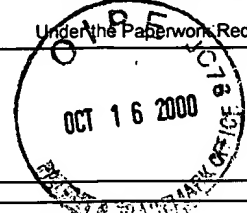Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → [+]

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	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c) or (j))	41— 20 * =	21	X $18 =	$378.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b) (or j))	4— 3 ** =	1	X $80 =	$80.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR § 1.16(d))			+ $ =	$
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR § 1.16(a))	$710.00
			Total of above Calculations =		$1,168.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				$584.00
	* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. ** Reissue independent claims over original patent			TOTAL =	$584.00

6. Small entity status:
   a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed, if (b) and (c) do not apply.
   b. ☒ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application
      and such status is still proper and desired.
   c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to
   Deposit Account No. _____18_____ — _____1167_____ :
   a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16.
   b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.17.
   c. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.18.
8. ☒ A check in the amount of $779.00_____ is enclosed.
9. ☒ Other: Express Mail Certification

                Request for Two-Month Extension of Time

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Date	October 16, 2000

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
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Steve Isom)
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Serial No. 08/905,701)   G. Opie
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Filed August 4, 1997)   Group Art Unit 2755
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For: **METHOD OF SEQUENCING COMPUTER**)
        CONTROLLED TASKS BASED ON THE)
        RELATIVE SPATIAL LOCATION OF)
        TASK OBJECTS IN A DIRECTIONAL)
        FIELD)
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Attorney's Docket No. P-4210.001)

Raleigh, North Carolina

October 16, 2000

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the claims 1, 14, and 31 as follows:

1.   A method for sequencing a plurality of tasks performed or controlled by a computer,

comprising:

        a)   placing task objects in a directional field having a <u>user</u>-changeable directional

attribute, wherein said task objects represent the tasks to be performed by said computer; and

        b)   sequencing, by said computer, of one or more of the task objects in the

directional field based on the relative spatial location of the task objects in the directional field

and the directional attribute of the directional field.

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